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1. The city of Baghdad with its 800 thousand population is connected with the world through its port, Basra. 25X1X6
2. Leading causes of death in Baghdad are TB, typhoid, dysentery, circulatory diseases, and malnutrition. Typhoid, malaria, smallpox, measles, and chickenpox, are considered endemic.
3. The source of the government owned water supply is the Tigris river. Water is treated by chlorine and distributed to 100 percent of the population.
4. The government has control over all food processing facilities. Most of the milk is bottled and pasteurized. Some dairy cattle is tuberculin tested by the Agricultural Department.
5. The total population is served by the sanitary sewerage system which ultimately deposits sewage into the desert. Human excreta is not used for fertilizing land, nor are vegetables grown locally. The drainage system is adequate to carry surface runoff. There are storm sewers and open ditches. There is daily collection of garbage. Other refuse is collected. The human dead are buried. There is organized pest control over mosquitoes only.
6. There are nine hospitals most of which are run by the government through the Ministry of Health. There is TB and VD control. Maternity and Child Welfare facilities exist. Communicable diseases are reported. The Red Crescent Society assists governmental public health procedures. Children are immunized against smallpox, tetanus, WC, BCG, and typhoid; adults against typhoid and smallpox. Children are affected by the lack of milk and food.
7. General education in Baghdad is inadequate. English is taught in intermediate and secondary schools. The medical school in Baghdad has an average of 300 - 400 students.

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